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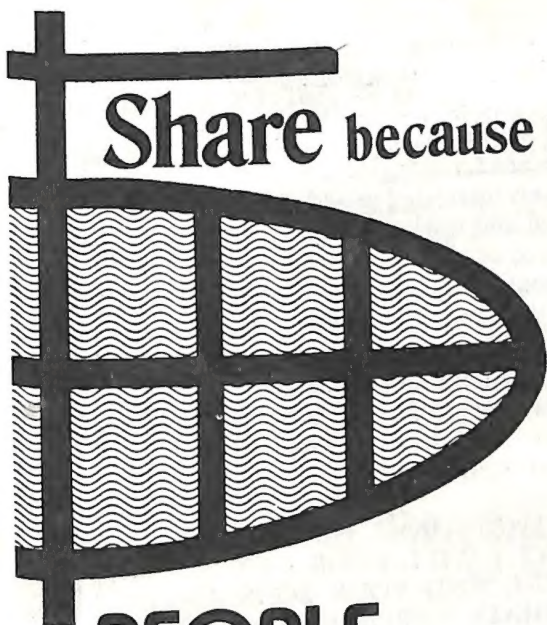
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WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ARMENIAN EVANGELICALS

By G.H. Chopourian

What are the Armenian Evangelicals up to these days?

Up to something truly big, to be sure! They have planned a World Conference which is big enough to raise that legitimate question. The Conference was planned jointly by the Armenian Missionary Association of America and the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, with the planning Task Force composed of Archie Cherkezian, A.M.A.A. President; G.H. Chopourian, Co-ordinator; Nazar Daghljan and Hrant Kazanjian representing the Armenian Missionary Association of America, and George Philibosian, AEUNA Moderator; Peter Doghramji; Harry Missirlian and Vahan Tootikian representing the AEUNA.

The public may be assured that the plans are non-political and in that sense, harmless, but with the support of that public the Conference could be very meaningful and produce positive results for all Armenians.

The purpose of the Conference has been listed as follows:

- To bring clergy and lay church leaders together from all over the world for consultation on the status of the Armenian Evangelical Movement;
- To study and pray together to recapture the inspiration which led us to our commitment to the Kingdom of God;
- To evaluate, plan, and act upon ways and means of making our Christian testimony more Biblical, dynamic and soul-winning;
- To strengthen the base of our missionary outreach by making the AMAA the missionary arm of all Armenians in the Diaspora;
- To seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the "Revitalization and Growth" of our Armenian Evangelical Movement for the glory of God and the service of our Armenian compatriots.

The conferees, representing 9 countries and over 110 delegates, will involve themselves in a process of diagnosis:

to research our past, present, as well as the future. To that end, a 134-page spiral-bound book has been prepared containing written material by assigned individuals. The report contains study on two of Paul's Epistles with emphasis on their application to our current needs, four reports from Unions of Churches from that many countries, and views of ten writers on 10 different "burning" issues. The program stands as follows:

- Bible Studies: The Epistle of Galatians and the Epistle of Ephesians
- Union Reports: Middle East, France, South America, North America
- Mission Outreach Report with emphasis on the A.M.A.A.
- Ten Important ("Burning") Issues: From leadership recruitment to the role of higher education in Armenian life and from an evangelical lifestyle to community involvement.

The Conference is not for delegates alone, but for any and every Armenian who is interested in and values the religious, social, ethical, moral and spiritual life of the nation. Those interested may write to or phone the AMAA offices.

We ask all our compatriots to pray that this exposure may be of value to all of us. The Scriptures say "a people without a vision shall perish." Those involved in the preparation and execution of the Conference know and value "vision" and "dreams" which are the source of both inspiration and practical expression. And the challenge to be visionary dreamers comes from Scriptures:

"AND IN THE LAST DAYS IT SHALL BE, GOD DECLARES, THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON ALL FLESH, AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS."



G.H. Chopourian
Coordinator, World Conference

Archie Cherkezian
AMAA President and Co-Chairman,
World Conference Task Force

George Philibosian
AEUNA Moderator and Co-Chairman,
World Conference Task Force

THE ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF SAN DIEGO

The Fellowship held their second service on Sunday, January 15, 1978, in the Hilton Hotel on Beautiful Mission Bay. Seventy-two Evangelicals and friends met from three p.m. to seven-thirty p.m. in the spirit of warm Christian fellowship and love. Fifteen special guests, including the officers of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America and the AMAA, took part in the religious service and the banquet which followed.

Rev. Bernard Guekguezian of the Department of Missions and Evangelism brought the sermon, "FOUR MARKS OF A TRUE CHURCH," and he also made the official recognition of the Fellowship on behalf of the AEUNA. The Moderator, Mr. George Philibosian, spoke and extended the right hand of Christian fellowship to Dr. Edward L. Albarian, member of the local Committee. Rev. Jirair Sogomian of the Department of Ministerial Relations delivered the Invocation; the Scripture was read in Armenian by Mr. John Shahinian of our United Church, Los Angeles, and in English by Dr. Albarian. Vice-Moderator Rev. Edward S. Tovmassian pronounced the Benediction. Mrs. Alice Guzelimian sang *Der Getso*, accompanied by Mrs. Lydia Minassian; Mr. Edwin Avis played the French horn, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Jean Morris.

At the Banquet greetings and best wishes were extended by guests Mrs. Armine Mardigian of the Department of Publications and Communications, her sister-in-law Miss Lydia Mardigian of Coalinga, Mr. James Koundakjian, formerly of the Department of Missions, Mr. Levon Levonian of Troy, the Honorary Treasurer of the Union, and Mr. Jack Bournazian, President of the Apostolic Church Assembly.

The Armenian Missionary Association of America was represented by Dr. G.H. Chopourian who after presenting



Christian fellowship with the San Diego Evangelical Community
(Mr. and Mrs. George Philibosian first row extreme right)

his friends and colleague in the audience, Faris and Betty Edgar, spoke about the coming Capital Funds Campaign of the AMAA and the AEUNA which thrilled everyone. And last but not least it was a special privilege to have the good wives of our leaders: Yephrouhie Chopourian, Alice Philibosian, Eva Shahinian and Arousiag Tovmassian.

Monday morning all of our guests who could remain overnight and the members of the local committee were guests of the Guzelimian family when a delicious brunch was enjoyed by all. After moments of meditation and a benediction the leaders left for Los Angeles leaving behind a memory of a rich experience and a fruitful week-end.

Rev. G.D. Minassian, Convener-Chairman

The Inspirational Corner

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Rev. Vartkes M. Kassouni

Today I share with you some thoughts on "The Old." There is much to be said about this, for we never even want to suggest that the old is to be discarded and forgotten. On the contrary, it is most vital to keep the old, for without it the new becomes meaningless. Nature needs the old as the basis, the roots, the body, out of which the new emerges. If the old is taken away then no transition can take place, for new life cannot emerge from nothingness.

We make a terrible mistake if we make the assumption that the old is past and unnecessary. On the contrary, it is indispensable if life is to be maintained. A youth oriented culture that has no appreciation for its elderly is a sick culture. We have discovered this to be true in America today, and I am glad we are taking steps to rectify this error. Look at the beauty, the love, the warmth and the wisdom that grandparents bring into family life, for example. I never had a "grandma" or a "grandpa" when I was growing up, and I know I missed out on a lot indeed. I would consider a Church that has no elderly people in it, or no appreciation for the contribution they can make, an unfortunate and immature Church.

I consider the ancient creeds and beliefs of our Church, along with its rich history, precious legacies on which our present understanding of the Gospel must be based. The Armenian evangelical movement, of which our Church is a part, must continue to confess without hesitation the ancient creeds of the church, such as the Apostles' and Nicene creeds, and accept joyfully the unchanging Scriptures which form the basis for our faith and life. In our local Church we do include the Nicene Creed in our Constitution as our statement of faith. This is great! Pruning for the purpose of helping a tree to grow healthfully is necessary, but we cut off dead branches not the roots!

It takes skill and wisdom to differentiate the dead-wood from old wood, but we must not equate "the old" with dead-wood by any means. The old can be just as alive as the new. When change takes place in the interest of growth it automatically alters the shape, the nature of things. No live organism continues to look exactly the same every day if it is alive. But its life continues to draw precious energy from its past. So it is that our yesterdays make our tomorrows possible, and our todays become meaningless without our yesterdays. Thank God for the old. Love the old. Relate to the old and you will be blessed with life that spans eternity.

(From the HERALD of the United Armenian Congregational Church)

THE C.M.C. HOSPITAL

The 25th Commencement Exercises of the School of Nursing

"And Samuel took a stone... and erected it... and said, 'Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.'" These were the opening words of Rev. Fuad Melki, a pastor in Lebanon, addressing the 25th Commencement Exercises of the Christian Medical Center School of Nursing.

A little history of the Christian Medical Center (CMC) is necessary to understand the impact of Rev. Melki's words.

In 1947, Dr. Puzant Krikorian, Dr. Peter Manoogian and Mr. Augustine Badeer planned the details of a hospital that was later to be known as the CMC Hospital. At the time, they were stepping into an unknown future but with the true conviction that God was with them. The building was erected as a true venture of faith. Their confidence in our Heavenly Father far outweighed their financial means. The many difficulties they faced did not deter them from achieving their goal because our three pioneers knew very well that a hospital run with a spirit of service, based on Christian principles, could not but be within God's will and plan.

The CMC Hospital was established to manifest an internal spiritual aim... It was built as a testimony to a Christian experience. To give flesh to the love that filled the hearts of dedicated people. It was built to materialize the dedication and love of Christian doctors. "Today, at the end of a work that has been done for the LORD and as we glance back," said Rev. Melki, "we can say with Samuel: 'Hitherto the LORD hath helped us.'"

The *dateline* of the Hospital will best describe its history: 1948—The first stage of the building project was completed and work started;

1949—The Dedication Service of the Center was done; also the first class of the School of Nursing was commenced with six students;

1952—The "first fruits" of the School of Nursing with six graduates;

1955-56—Top two floors built to complete project requirements;

1974—Decision to sell the building long before the Lebanese Civil War;

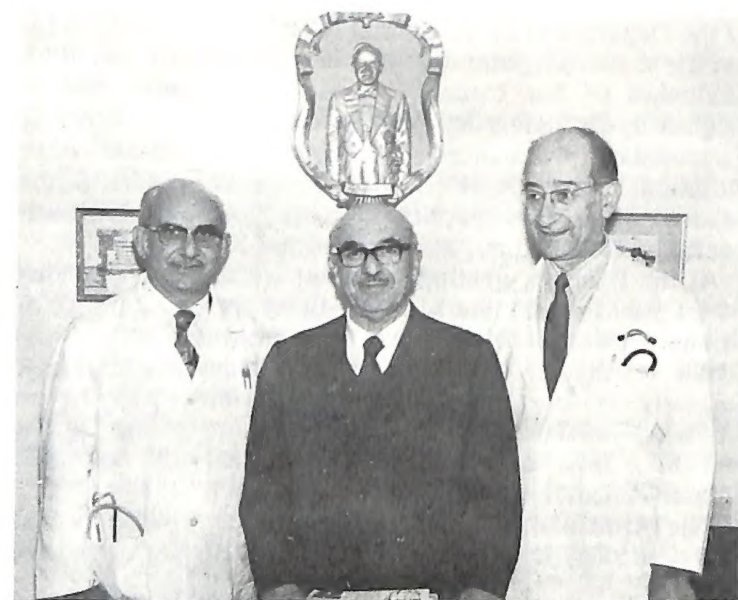
1977—25th Graduating Class of the School of Nursing, the 29th year of the Hospital and the end of its formal work. To date, the number of graduates total 123.

The AMAA's own evaluation of the work of the founders, though unknown to Rev. Melki, was well expressed by him: "As for you our brothers, Dr. Manoogian, Dr. Krikorian and Mr. Badeer, and for all those who stood by you in your ministry, you are the 'Samuels' who took the stone of help with your two hands and planted it in this place saying, 'Hitherto the LORD hath helped us.' The place declared to you that you should be proud of the many who have gone out from this place to the world to preach the same message you believed in, cherished and served. The stones tell us that the LORD who has helped us will still help. The LORD who has kept us still keeps... The LORD who has blessed shall also bless..."

As the Scriptures say, for everything there is a time. A time to dream, a time to give up dreaming; a time to start and a time to stop. Our brothers, who claim advanced age

(in the case of two anyway) has led them to the decision to close, continue to hope that God will raise others to pick up the job. In the words of Mr. Badeer: "As we were advancing in age we tried our best to find some new owners for the continuation of the hospital. We left no possibility untapped, but sorry to say all our efforts proved fruitless. We were and still are praying and are very desirous of seeing this institution continue as a Christian witness, and a center for medical service. So far God has not shown us the way clearly."

We thank God for your services, friends.



From left to right, Dr. Peter Manoogian, Mr. Augustine Badeer, Dr. Puzant Krikorian, creators and sustainers of C.M.C.



The C.M.C. Hospital in Beirut, Lebanon

INVENTOR OSCAR BANKER: A Success Story

"Unless Thomas Edison worked for a General Motors or U.S. Government research, he could not earn enough to eat if he were alive today."

So states Oscar H. Banker, one of the world's foremost inventors, and a Cleveland resident since 1960.

Armenian-born Assadoor (gift from God) Sarafian (money-changer) came into this world on the cold floor of a cave in Moonjooson, Turkey, in 1895. Today, Ohio inventor Oscar Banker, who was that baby, clearly remembers how his family and other Armenians fled the rapacious Turkish massacres of that era.

Ultimately, Oscar arrived safely in America at 18. Not so his mother, grandmother, brother, sister, and mother-in-law. They were butchered by the Turks or banished into the desert to die.

As a youth fresh from Armenia, nearly refused at Ellis Island due to frail health, Oscar Banker—an Americanization of his Armenian name—in

the sweet air of freedom here, a taste he has never forgotten. In time, his inventive wizardry would establish him throughout the world as "father of the automatic automotive transmission," as inventor of the first helicopter transmissions in World War II and the first practical needleless inoculation gun in 1967, and as the holder of more than 300 other patents in a wide variety of fields.

Banker never obtained a formal high school education but is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World.

Among engineers and inventors he is remembered as the man who battled—and won—against the largest car manufacturer in the world, forcing it to abandon what Banker called the "booby-trap" shift pattern (no "neutral" gear between forward and reverse).

Many engineers, however, blame Banker for creating troublesome Ralph Nader, who picked up Oscar's crusade

mess we are in. You should have been shot!"

"I was shocked," Banker says, "but asked why."

"He said, 'Well, if it was not for the automatic transmission, all of the women, kids, and nitwits would not be driving cars, cluttering the roads and streets with vehicles. I still say you should have been shot!'"

"I said, 'Carl, I think you have a point there,' and I shut up."

A book manuscript of the Banker story, *WARS AND TRAUMAS OF THE BASEMENT INVENTOR*, narrated by Mr. Banker, himself, is presently being completed by Robert Hull Features. The Executive Director received a letter from Robert Hull Features, informing him that he is assisting Oscar at this time in the completion of his autobiography and requests of him the following:

"I know you are aware of just how difficult it is to publish a first book these days. Mr. Banker thought that perhaps an Armenian publisher might be very desirous of publishing this book, thus helping to publicize the stories and the recognized good works of fellow Armenians in America."

Any Armenian interested in the publication of Banker's book may write to the AMAA, at 140 Forest Ave. Paramus, N.J. 07652.

At age 82, Banker still vigorously invents in the basement of his modest home. A gentle man by instinct, full of good humor and jokes, he becomes a tenacious, clawing lion, when, in his view, the rights of private inventors and private citizens are tread upon.

Mr. Banker's gentle and loving side comes alive with his support of the AMAA's Child Education Sponsorship of elementary and Istanbul Youth Home children from 1957 up to today—a 21 year investment in Armenian youth, most of whom have moved on in life to great positions and hopefully one of whom will walk in the steps of Oscar Banker as an inventor.



Oscar Banker, inventor, is proud of his gas-powered inoculation gun. Dosage is regulated by a series of cams so that even a blind diabetic, for example, can provide himself insulin with perfect safety.

and wrote his "Unsafe At Any Speed" in which he quoted Banker widely.

One piece of humor which illustrates both his individualism and freedom and humor, is the conversation between him and his gas station man:

"In a moment of weakness," Banker chuckles, "I told my gas station man that I was the father of automatic transmission in cars. He gave me a strange look and said, 'So you are the guy responsible for the

Richard Yardumian, Composer of International Fame



Few men have been able to perceive, embrace, and master as many opposite sides of music as has Richard Yardumian. His music reflects the diversity of the various influences in his life, influences of his Armenian Christian background; its message is universal, but speaks individually to each person.

Yardumian, of Armenian ancestry, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 5, 1917. His father, Rev. Haig Y. Yardumian, was the moderator of the Armenian Protestant Churches in America, who being a friend of Woodrow Wilson, requested that freedom for Armenia be included in Wilson's 14 Point Edict at end of World War I. The first music he heard may well have been the Armenian melodies played by his mother, an organist. Exposure to

the classics came through his pianist-brother, Elijah, who taught him a range of piano works from Bach to the romantics. At the age of 14, while still a student in the Philadelphia school system, he wrote his first work, a piano piece. It was not until the age of 22, however, that Yardumian began his formal music education, studying harmony with William Happich, counterpoint with Alexander Matthews, and piano with George Boyle. He came to the attention of José Iturbi, who schooled him in piano technique, and of Leopold Stokowski, who encouraged his self-study of recommended works. Yardumian's broad musical appreciation, stemming from his childhood exposure to music of all kinds, led to intensive research in musicology, through which he had gained an extensive knowledge of ancient modal systems and of regional American music.

The first public presentation of any of Yardumian's works came in 1945, when *DESOLATE CITY* was performed by the Philadelphia Orchestra under the direction of Eugene Ormandy. Since that time, the Philadelphia Orchestra has given nearly 100 performances of his works, 10 of which have been world premieres. His talent is internationally recognized, and he has received numerous commissions.

The compound influence of all those factors which shaped Yardumian's musical personality is apparent in the diversity of his compositions, which range from folk, to impressionistic, to modern. The forms in which he writes include suites, symphonies, concertos, choral works, chamber music, piano and violin solos. The larger number of his compositions are for orchestra. Among the best-known is the "ARMENIAN SUITE" which, except for the Finale, was written at the age of 19. One of the movements from this work is famous as the news theme of "Voice of America" beamed broadcasts which is to Armenia and the Middle East. His Mass, "COME, CREATOR SPIRIT," composed on commission for the 125th anniversary of Fordham University, has been hailed as a major addition to the Catholic liturgy—a distinguished accomplishment for a non-Catholic composer who has also introduced into the Mass Armenian Apostolic Hymnology. Another of his

commissions, for the Edward B. Benjamin Restful Music Project, produced the chorale-prelude, "VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS." Through this piece, as through all of his works, comes the voice of quiet assurance and serenity, a sanctuary in these noisy and discordant times.

As critics of Yardumian's music have said, the generating element in his music is its ever-present spirituality, through which he has achieved a highly personalized musical language, essentially timeless and eternal.

It will be a privilege for Armenians to have in their music library Yardumian's new recording HNH 4043. In 1976 the recording of "SYMPHONY NO. ONE," "ARMENIAN SUITE" and "CANTUS ANIMAE ET CORDIS" recorded with Anshel Brusilow and the Bournemouth Symphony, also on EMI Records, was selected *Pick of The Year* in London by *Records And Recordings* critic Robert Dearling. This disc is being distributed in the U.S.A. by HNH Records and is available in most record shops. Copies of his record can be obtained by mailing this coupon to the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

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Supreme comfort created only by
Suffering in sacrifice. And he will
Be at peace with himself when he dies
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(Kahlil Gibran)



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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

WASHINGTONIAN ARMENIANS HOLD FIRST 60TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

On the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary Celebrations of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, a well-planned and successful banquet was held at the Key Bridge Marriott in Rosslyn, Virginia, next door neighbor to Washington, D.C.

The Armenian Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society of Washington, D.C. organized the AMAA sponsored banquet with the assistance of the hard-working Armenian Evangelical men of the community, among whom was Mr. Kay Tamzarian, a charming and effective personality, as our chief contact.

Mrs. Louise Nazarian, President of the Armenian Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society and Chairman of the Sixtieth Anniversary Banquet Committee, extended greetings of the Ladies' Aid to those present, summarized briefly the extensive charitable work of the Ladies and introduced the Master of Ceremonies in the person of Mr. Nazaret Cherkezian, Director of the Office of Telecommunications at the Smith-

sonian Institution, who was a masterful Master of Ceremonies.

A delightful dinner was served after the singing of the Lord's Prayer in English by Miss Sylvia Kutchukian, Dramatic Soprano. The guests at the head table included, in addition to the Master of Ceremonies and the Chairlady, Mr. Archie Cherkezian, AMAA President; Mr. George Philibosian, International Chairman; Mr. Set Momjian, White House Advisor who also was the Speaker of the evening; Bishop Papken Varjabedian, representative of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America; the Rev. Father Kalaidjian of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church; and Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Executive Director of the AMAA. The Rev. Sahag Vertanessian of Soorp Khatch was unable to attend in view of his being out of the State.

Mr. George Philibosian, Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America and International Chairman of the AMAA's Sixtieth Anniversary Celebrations, brought a stirring message followed with an inspirational message by Mr. Archie Cherkezian, President of the Armenian Missionary Association of America. Mr. Set Momjian, the Keynote Speaker of the evening, started his message with the important statement that he was to speak about the United States, the Armenians and the AMAA. Sustaining the intense attention of the banqueters, he outlined the important role Armenians have played in the U.S. He stated that the "Thank You, America" Banquet, the visit of 36 Armenians to the White House and the

latest reception given in the White House by President Carter to 150 Armenians, had introduced new directions for Armenians and made them truly visible in Government circles. Mr. Momjian stressed the need for new approaches and outlined his plans for the Ellis Island Remembered Project under the "Umbrella of the AMAA". Armenians will beautify part of Ellis Island, a gate of entry of Armenian immigrants into the United States, by planting trees in a specified area to remember fathers and mothers of American-Armenians who came to the U.S. through Ellis Island. A Memorial Plaque on a large rock will be placed in the center of the landscaped portion of Ellis Island to memorialize our immigrant fathers and mothers. The Ellis Island Remembered Day will be September 23, 1978. Boats will plough the Hudson to the Island and back to Manhattan Dock all day, with visitors being provided with lunch of chorek, cheese, olives and cucumber—the staple food of Armenian immigrants. The outing will be followed by a Dinner at a Customs Building on the Docks of Manhattan.

Following the speech of Mr. Momjian, which received a standing ovation, Miss Sylvia Kutchukian, Dramatic Soprano of great charm and talent, provided vocal selections to the rousing applause of the banqueters.

The evening was completed by an appeal for making pledges at which time \$16,000 were pledged from \$10 up to \$5,000 in individual pledges.

Those who pledged were:

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Keshishian	\$5,000
Mrs. Maritza Manougian	100
Florence & Richard S. Brooks	100
John Margosian	100
Mr. & Mrs. George Nazarian	25
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Babigian	100
Nazarian Bros., Inc.	1,000
M. Jerry & Margot Hekimian	500
Mr. & Mrs. Nazaret Cherkezian	500
Mr. Ghevont Aghajanian	100
Kay & Alice Tamzarian	1,000
Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Kasab	100
Berg & Mary Paraghamian	500
Mr. Neshan G. Hintlian	500
Mrs. Geo. Sarkis Semerjian	30
Miss Alice Adanalian	1,000
Mrs. E. Topalian	25
Mrs. Hripsime Nazarian	25
Mrs. Ephronia Manookian	100
A.H. Krikorian	50
Mr. & Mrs. Moses Manoukian	300



VIP participants at the Washington 60th Anniversary Banquet. Left to right: Mr. Archie Cherkezian, AMAA President; Mr. Set Momjian and Mr. George Philibosian, National and International Chairmen of AMAA's 60th Anniversary Celebrations respectively.

Charles & Arousiag Kumkumian	50
Mr. & Mrs. D.H. Koumjian	500
Mrs. A. Kalaydjian	10
Dr. Richard A. Wainwright	100

There were eight pledgers whose donations were not announced in view of their wish but the total of whose anonymous pledges were about \$4,000.

The Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of America have written their appreciation to the Armenian Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society of Washington and the male members of the community who did a magnificent job of planning and executing a successful banquet.

HAIGAZIAN COLLEGE GRADUATES PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEHAGIANS

During the banquet honoring the Mehagians, founders and supporters of Haigazian College, tributes were paid to them by friends and the College Trustees, but the touching ones were from Haigazian graduates.

Dr. Kegham Tashjian, 1967 graduate of Haigazian College, who went on to earn his Ph.D. in Special Education from UCLA in June 1976 and serves as Administrative Assistant at Sophia T. Salvin School of Los Angeles Unified School District serving 350 handicapped children, said:

"I am here tonight because Haigazian College existed and still exists. I am here tonight because of Mr. and Mrs. Mehagian. I am here tonight because of the many others that followed Mr. and Mrs. Mehagian in making donations and contributed to the college. I am not the only one though, there are hundreds who have lived in the same circumstances I lived in... the majority of Haigazian students that I have seen and I have talked to and have gone to school with were in the same boat I was. *Haigazian College was our only hope.*"

Bishop Sumbat Lapajian, former Prelate of the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church, extended his gratitude for the opportunity Haigazian College became for him:

"Great many things in life can be returned or repaid in full; at times two-fold, three-fold, and even ten-fold, but no person is ever able to repay the opportunity given to him. That, in my belief, is the one thing and the one highest good in life that men can do to one another. Haigazian College has

fully justified her calling in giving a helping hand to many who have been sincerely in search for light and wider horizons in service to the Armenian people in particular, and to humanity in general. May God bless and prosper our dear college so that it may bring forth fruits according to the words of the gospel, 'Thirty-fold, sixty-fold, and a hundred-fold' especially in these times of spiritual famine and poverty."

Ani Najarian, a graduate of the College, who has also been secretary to the President for 16 years, ended her testimony with the following words:

"I wish to express my gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Mehagian from several perspectives. As an Armenian for the opportunity of receiving higher education at the only Armenian College outside Soviet Armenia. As a Christian for a college that instills Christian values in young scholars. As a student lacking financial resources for a college that provides scholarships to qualifying students. As a Lebanese for an institution of higher learning that provides means for raising the educational level of my fellow citizens."

SOME BRIGHTEN OUR DAYS

There are letters and requests whose sadness moisten our eyes, and others that brighten our days. There are those who press for the meeting of needs, and others who pray for and provide for those needs. This month we'll quote from two lovely letters that are the "joy" part of our daily routine:

1. "My dear Dughas in the Lord, Giragos," writes Mrs. Aznive Apkarian. "I am writing this letter in gratitude to the dear Lord for the 75 years He has given me in health and

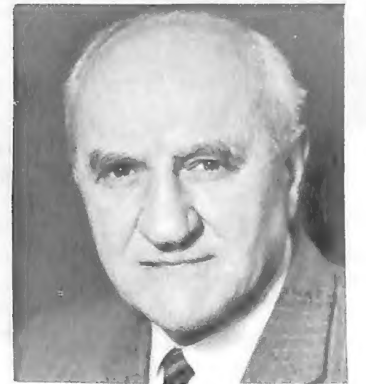
countless blessings. April 21 was my birthday, celebrated at Elizabeth and Mihran's house... in my honor.... The scrap book of tributes brought tears to my eyes... Among the speakers were our dear Rev. Edward Tovmassian and Dr. Norair Sarian, with a lovely poem dedicated to me. I write not to boast, but to say 'thank you' to the Lord for His love as well as the love of my family and good friends. On this happy and blessed occasion, I thought at least a dollar a year should be given to the Lord's work—\$75 to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, to be added to the Apkarian Memorial Fund. I enclose this with all my love and appreciation for all the AMAA is doing to further the Lord's work in its different areas of service all around the world, and my prayer is that the work may prosper, enrich the lives of those touched, bear fruit a hundredfold."

2. Mr. Harold Fisher, that great ebullient lawyer and friend of the AMAA, in enclosing a check for \$100 to be added to the Hasmig and Garbis Gulbenkian Fund, explains why he regularly contributes towards the nation's resurrection:

"Once a year, on April 24, the nation formally engages in memorial services for our beloved ones. The images of what happened are before my eyes day and night, every day. In their memory, I seek to do what little I can for the survivors and their children. Someone has said 'all paths of glory lead but to the grave.' It is equally true that all paths of sorrow lead to and end at the grave, and while in that path, perhaps we can make some little one's life a bit happier, a bit healthier and more enjoyable, and *hope that our nation will rise again.*"



Mrs. Aznive Apkarian, widow of the Rev. H. Apkarian, is tendered Diamond Anniversary by her children.



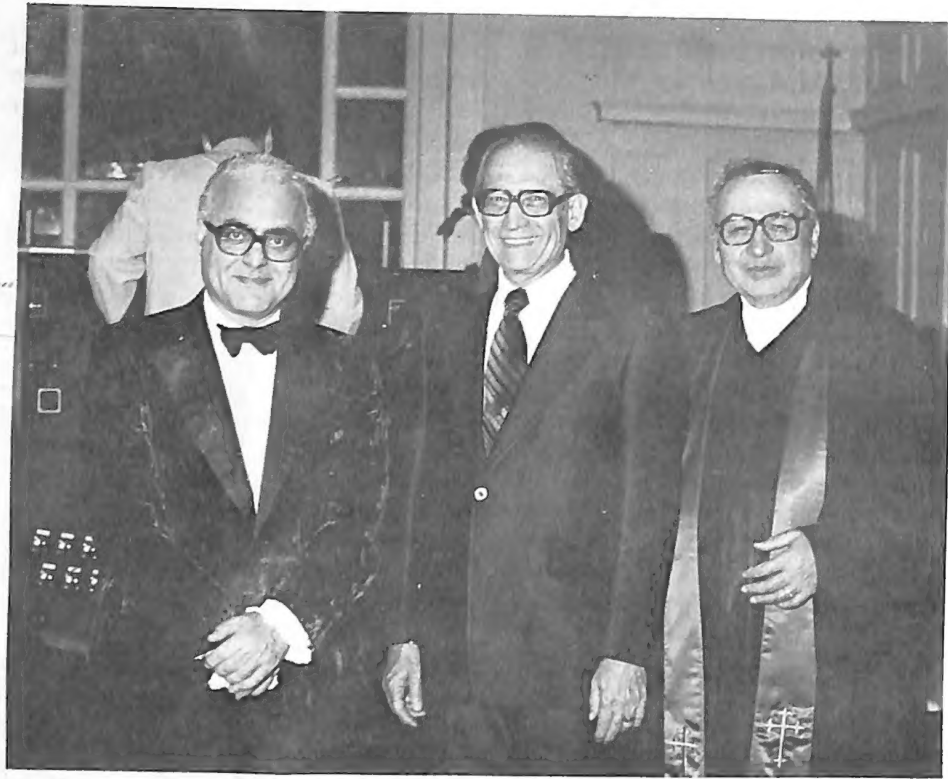
Harold Fisher remembering the Holocaust, encourages the resurrection of the nation.

AN OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN

In an April 1, 1978 letter addressed to Mr. Michael Matossian, the directors of the Outstanding Young Men of America inform him of his nomination as one of the Outstanding Young Men for 1978, with a certificate reading: "This is to certify that Michael Matossian has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1978 in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability and exceptional service to the community." Congratulations, Mike.

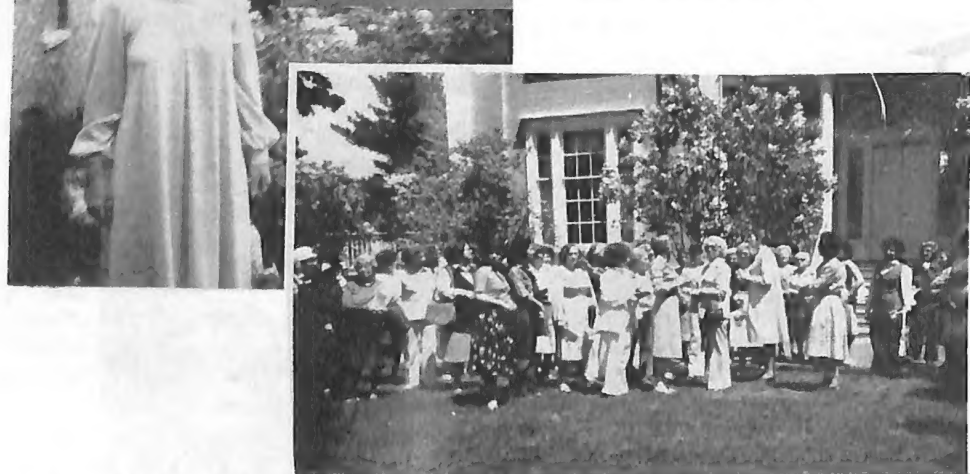
BEDIKIAN LIBRARY

After much prayer and serious thought, Mrs. Marie Bedikian has assigned her husband's rich library to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc. The Association is now in the process of preparing adequate room to preserve this important library in its archives. Mrs. Bedikian, in view of Rev. A.A. Bedikian's inability to act on the matter, since he is in a nursing home, has made the determination herself. The Board of Directors extend their deep gratitude for her wise and prudent decision.



The Executive Director, center, was privileged to be present at the organ recital during the dedication of the new digital organ of the First Armenian Church of Belmont at which time Mr. Berj Jamgot-

gotchian (left) performed on the organ in such a manner as to "lift the hearts of the audience to heaven," in the words of Pastor Vartan Hartunian (right).



The active ladies of Haigazian College Ladies Auxiliary of the East Coast taking bus (top picture of montage) for an all-day fund raising trip to Boscobel Restorations, under the leadership of Mrs. Louise Tezel (center), Chairman of the Auxiliary, and the beautiful surroundings for the outing (bottom).



Armenians united in the observance of April 24 held on the same day in the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, N.J. with Congressman McGuire (front), as speaker of the evening. The speaker was in full sympathy with the Armenian cause.

հայերէն բաժին

ԵՐԵՎԱՆ—ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆ

Քաղաքում՝ Ջանաւերի Փետր. 1978 թիւ 2էն

«ԿՈՌՈՒՆԿ ՄԵՐ ԱՇԽԱՐՀԷՆ»

Սեպտեմբեր 22, 1977: Երկրորդ Կիրակին է որ Երեւանի Աւետարանական Մկրտչական Եկեղեցւոյ բեմէն կը քարոզեմ: Նախորդ Կիրակի մօտ 450 հոգիներ եկած էին պաշտամունքի: «Այս Կիրակի 600 ենք», կ'ըսէ տեղւոյն հովիւը: Բնաբանս՝ Աստուծոյ խաղաղութիւնն է: Կը խօսիմ այն խաղաղութեան մասին որ Ամէն Մտքէ վեր է եւ չի նմանիր աշխարհի տուած խաղաղութեան:

Քարոզիս վերջաւորութեան, աղօթքի խնդրանք ներկայացնող թղթիկներ կը տեղան բեմին վրայ: Տեղւոյն հովիւը կարգով հասարակութեան կը ներկայացնէ զանոնք: Վերջինը հետեւեալն է.՝ Ութերորդ դասարանի աշակերտ Գ. Աշեան աղօթք կը խնդրէ.՝ «Պապա միշտ զինով է, ալքովի գերի եւ անտանելի է...: Մայրս մեկնած է տունէն, բոլորովին ճանձրացած...: Շատ կը խնդրեմ որ աղօթէք իմ ծնողացս համար, որպէսզի պապա դադրի խմելէ եւ մայրս տուն վերադառնայ...»:

Ժողովուրդը կը յուզուի այս խնդրանքին առջեւ: Հովիւներ եւ ներկաներ կ'աղօթենք սրտանց: Կոչ կ'ընենք բեմէն. «Հոս, այս հողին վրայ, առաքելներ Աւետարանը բերին առաջին անգամ, մեր նախահայրերը հոս ընդունեցին Քրիստոսը՝ Աշխարհի Լոյսը, տառերը հնարեցին եւ Աստուածաշունչը թարգմանեցին: Ինչպէս Պարոյր Սեւակ կ'ըսէ.

«Պարզապէս Նաքիկն այստեղ է գրունել, Աստուածաշունչը այստեղ՝ թարգմանուել:»

Յետոյ կոչ.՝ «Եկէք իմ խոցոտուած, խղիւղուած ազգիս զաւակները, եկէք յողովներ, բեռնաւորութեան, մոռցուածներ, լքուածներ, տառապողներ, եկէք եւ ընդունեցէք Քրիստոսը՝ որ իր արիւնք մեր մեղքերուն համար թափեց, բացէք ձեր սիրտերը Փրկչին, Խաղաղութեան Իշխանին առջեւ...»:

Բազմութիւնը խուռներամ կը յառաջանայ դէպի բեմ:

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Յաջորդ եւ վերջին Կիրակին է. Մօտաւորապէս 800 հոգի խնդուած է սրահին մէջ: Նիւթս Քրիստոսի երկրորդ գալուստն է: Կը զգամ թէ հոգեւոր ջերմիկ մթնոլորտ մը կը տիրէ: Ներքին խորունկ մղում մը ունիմ պատգամը բերելու աստուածային ներշնչումով, երբ տեղւոյն հովիւը, Ոսկեան եղբայր, կը խնդրէ որ ժամանակիս սահման չդնեմ եւ «ուզածիս չափ խօսիմ...»:

Երբ քարոզը կը վերջանայ, սովորականին պէս, աղօթքի խնդրանք պարունակող թղթիկները կը հասնին: Պատուելին կը կարդայ. «Ութերորդ դասարանի աշակերտ Գ. Ա. եւն շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնէ հովիւներուն, ժողովուրդին եւ իրենց տան խաղաղութեան ի խնդիր աղօթող ներկաներուն: Արդարեւ, այս շաբթուան ընթացքին, ի պատասխան ձեր աղօթքներուն, խաղաղութիւն բերող Պարոն Յիսուսը լսեց այդ աղաչանքները: Հայրս ալ չի խմում եւ մայրս տուն վերադարձաւ: Շնորհակալութիւն Պարոն Յիսուսին...»:

Սրահը կը փռէ: Տեղւոյն հովիւը յուզուած է, չի կրնար շարունակել իր խօսքը: Եւ մենք միաբերան փախք կու տանք մեր հրաշագործ Աստուծոյն:

Ոտքի ենք բոլորս: Կ'աղօթենք:

«Ով Աստուած, մեր Երկնաւոր Հայրը, փառք բուկդ ըլլայ որ դուն միշտ մոյմ Աստուածն ես եւ կը պատասխանես մեր աղօթքներուն: Փառք Լու տանք որ փոքրիկն Գ. Ա. եւն ուրախացուցիր պատասխանելով մեր աղօթքներուն: Օրհնէ այդ տունը, օրհնէ բոլոր նորահաւատները, հաստատ եւ հաւատարիմ պահէ զանոնք...: Օրհնէ այս եկեղեցին, հովիւը, ժողովուրդը, հայ ժողովուրդը: Տուր որ մեզ արժանաւոր յաջորդները ըլլանք մեր պապերուն եւ ամէն տեղ՝ կենդանի վկանք:

«Օրհնէ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոս Վազգէն Առաքիլը, ուժ եւ զօրութիւն տուր անոր իր հոգեւոր առաքելութիւնը կատարելու համար: Օրհնէ մեր յառաջադէմ Հայաստանը որպէսզի ուրիշ յառաջդիմութիւններու գուգընթաց, ունենայ մեծ հոգեւոր վերելք: Օրհնէ Հայաստանի կառավարութիւնը, մարտադրութիւնը, վարիչները եւ Քու կամփիդ հա-

մնաւտ առաջնորդէ զանոնք՝ որպէսզի Աւետարանը խաղաղ պայմաններու տակ կարենանք վայելել բոլորս, եւ պատրաստէ մեզ Քու Որդւոյդ փառաւոր գալստեան, որպէսզի մեզմէ որեւէ մէկը բացակայ չըլլայ երկինքի թագաւորութեանը մէջ»:

Ամէն... կը պատասխանէ ներկայ բազմութիւնը...:

Օրհնութեամբ եւ ողջոյնի ջերմիկ խօսքերով, թաց աչքերով կը բաժնուիմ Երեւանի Հայ Աւետարանական Մկրտչական Եկեղեցիէն:

Մարտի 10 ՎԵՐ. Յ. ՀԵԼՎԱՅԱՆ

Զեկո՛ղ ՅՈՒՄ—ՏԱՐԵԿԱՆ ԺՈՂՈՎ
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ԱՒԵՏԱՐԱՆՁԱԿԱՆ ՄԻՈՒԹԵԱՆ

Ա. Մասնաճիւղի Երկրորդ Ընդհանուր ժողով—Նոյեմբեր 25, 1977

1. Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութեան Հիմնադրութիւնը եւ նպատակը—Միացեալ Նահանգների Հայ Աւետարանական առաջնորդների միջոցով 1918 թվի Նոյեմբերի 1ին հիմնեց Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը: Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը տօնելու է իր 60ամեակը 1978ին:

Ընկերակցութեան հիմնադիրների նպատակն է եղել Մայր Հայրենիքի եւ սփիւռքի մէջ գտնուող հայութեանը ծառայել Աւետարանական հիմքերով:

ա. Լինել Հայ Աւետարանական եկեղեցիների բաղուկը՝ Աւետարանի լոյսը հասցնելու բոլոր հայութեան:

բ. Օգնելու Հայ Աւետարանական եկեղեցիներին իրենց կրօնական, դաստիարակչական, մարդասիրական եւ այլ ծառայութիւնների մէջ:

գ. Քրիստոնէական հաղորդակցութիւն եւ կապ ստեղծել բոլոր Աւետարանական եկեղեցիների միջեւ որպէսզի կարողանան միասնաբար ծառայել մեր Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոսին:

Մի խօսքով ծառայել բոլոր հայութեան իրենց հոգեւոր, մտաւոր եւ ֆիզիքական կարիքները լրացնելու նպատակով:

2. Գործունէութիւն եւ նիւթական վիճակ—Հայաստանի խորհրդայնա-

ցումից յետոյ, սկսած 1923 թւից, Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը սկսեց օժանդակել Գոնիաստանի, Սուրիայի, Իրանի, Լիբանանի, Թուրքիոյ, Արժանթինի, Աւստրալիայի, Ուրուգուէի, Քանադայի, Ֆրանսայի, Անգլիայի եւ Միացեալ Նահանգներին Հայ Աւետարանական եկեղեցիներին եւ կազմակերպութիւններին: Շուրջ 60 տարիներ ընթացքին կերակրել եւ դաստիարակել է հազարաւոր որբեր եւ չքաւորներ, պատրաստել է առաջնորդներ, բժշկել է հազարաւոր հիւանդներ՝ եւ այս բոլորը միայն զոհաբերութեամբ տրւած նւէրներով:

3. Ընկերակցութեան Գործը Իրանում—Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութեան կապը Իրանի հետ սկսել է 1930 թւից Վեր. Յակոբ Մուղոյեանի միջոցով: Ընկերակցութիւնը օգնել է մեր գործիչներին եւ դպրոցներին մասնաւորաբար Մեսրոպեան Գոհար դպրոցին Թեհրանում եւ Անուշեւրեան Դպրոցին Իսֆահանում: Ընկերակցութեան բարոյական եւ նիւթական օգնութեամբ գնել է ներկայիս Ս. Յովհաննէս Հայ Աւետարանական եկեղեցու եւ Մեսրոպեան Գոհար Դպրոցի կալաւածները նոյնպէս Զառէշի եւ Մաջիդէի կալաւածները:

Շուրջ եօթը տարի առաջ Ընկերակցութիւնը մի նոր գործի ձեռնարկեց եւ ուղարկեց իր առաջին Միսիոնարը Իրանի դաշտի համար: Տիկ. Արփինէ Աղաբէգեանը (Մահչիկեան) դեռ չարունակում է իր ծառայութիւնը մեր երկրում:

4. Ընկերակցութեան Մասնագիտացումը—1975ի Մայիսին Վեր. Դոք. Կիրակոս Զօփուրեանը Իրան այցելեց եւ մեզ քաջաբերեց որ մի Մասնագիտացող կազմեց Իրանում: Ժամանակին ընտրեց մի հինգ հոգանոց յանձնախումբ որը ուսումնասիրութիւններ կատարելուց յետոյ պատրաստեց մի Կանոնադրութիւն եւ 17 Դեկտեմբեր 1976ին գումարեց Իրանի Մասնագիտացող առաջին ընդհանուր ժողովը ներկայութեամբ 38 պաշտօնական անդամ-անդամուհիների:

Առաջին ընդհանուր ժողովում կանոնադրութեան յանձնախումբի անդամները ընտրեցին որպէս Իրանի Մասնագիտացող վարչութիւն:

Նոյն օրը վարչութիւնը գումարեց իր առաջին ժողովը եւ ընտրեց իր դիւանը եւ երկու խորհրդատուներ հետեւալ կարգով:

Վեր. Թադէոս Միքայէլեան՝ Նախագահ, Տիկ. Արփինէ Աղաբէգեան՝ Գործադրող, Պրն. Թադէոս Խանբաբեան՝ Գանձապահ, Պրն. Նորայր Մամեան եւ Պրն. Արթուր Յովսափեան՝ Խորհրդատուներ:

Վարչութեան ժողովներին մասնակցելու է Թեհրանի Հայ Աւետարանական եկեղեցու հովիւն ի պաշտօնէ:

Մեր մուտքն անդամավարներից եւ նւէրներից եղել է 156,800 դրամ: Նւիրել ենք Լիբանանին 70,750 դրամ եւ ծախսել ենք գրեթե անկասկածաբար եւ ստացականներ տպելու համար 3,470 դրամ: Ներկայումս ունենք 82,580 դրամ որն ուղարկելու ենք Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութեան գործ ածելու վերոյիշեալ նպատակների համար:

Բ. Իրանի Հայ Աւետարանական Միութեան Զաշկերոյթը

Իրանի Հայ Աւետարանական Միութեան ճաշկերոյթը տեղի ունեցաւ 3 Փետրւար կ.յ. ժամը մէկին եկեղեցու ընդունելութեան սրահում: Անդամներից 30 հոգի Հրաւիրեալներից 20 հոգի ներկայ էին ճաշկերոյթին:

Զաշկից յետոյ Վեր. Թադէոս Միքայէլեան համառօտ տեղեկութիւններ տուեց Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութեան ծրարութեան մասին:

Վեր. Հելվաճեանի տուած վերջին լուրերուն համաձայն, կարելիութիւն կայ Հայաստանի Հայ Աւետարանական եկեղեցւոյ շէնքը տեղափոխել աւելի յարմար վայրի մէջ: Բոլոր անոնք որոնք հետաքրքրուած են Աւետարանական գործով Հայաստանի մէջ, թող բարեհաճին իրենց նուիրատուութիւնները ընել Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութեան գրասենեակին միջոցաւ:

Յուսարով Աստուծոյ, ու իր Փառքին համար, ներփակ հաճեցէք գտնել Տոլարի մեր փոխգիրը որպէս մասնակցութիւն Հայաստանի մէջ աւետարանական ձեռնարկութեանց:

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Տուրէք զերծ ըլլալու համար հաճեցէք ձեր փոխգիրը պատրաստել Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական անուան եւ ուղարկել հետեւեալ հասցէին.—

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գիրների եւ գործերի մասին եւ շէնքը թէ ժամանակը եկել է որ Իրանի հայերի մէջ եւս Գրիստոնէական սիրոյ եւ զոհողութեան հոգին հաստատուի եւ տարածուի: Այս նպատակի համար է որ հիմնուել է Իրանի Հայ Աւետարանական Միութիւնը: Վեր. Ներսէս Խաչատուրեան յայտնեց թէ մենք մի փոքր ժողովուրդ հազար անգամ կողոպտուած նահատակուած իրաւագրկուած ցրիւ եկած աշխարհի ամէն կողմ մեծ գործերի ձեռնարկելու եւ մեծ գործեր կատարելու բաղձանք ունենք Աստուծոյ շնորհով մեր սրտերի մէջ: Մեր մեծ եւ սքանչելի ձեռնարկներից մին է Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը հիմնուած 60 տարի առաջ: Աւետարանականը իր գոյութիւն ունենալուց ի վեր ամէն միջոցներով եւ ամէն տեղ սիրոյ նուիրումի նպատ է բերել մեր բազում կարիքներին: Վկայ՝ Լիբանանի վերջին աղէտին առթիւ Աւետարանականը մեծ գումարներով նպատ է հասցրել մեր ժողովուրդի կարիքներին: Իրանի Խորհրդարանի անդամ Պրն. Սեւակ Սադիկեան խօսք առնելով շէնքեց Հայ Մեծութեան յատկանիշները բարի եւ օգտաշատ ձեռնարկների մէջ: Իրանահայ ազգային կեանքից եւ իր անձնական փորձառութեամբ հաստատեց իր խորհուրդը եւ յորդորեց ներկաներին քաջալերել Իրանի Հայ Աւետարանական Միութեան ծրագիրը:

YOUTH FOR AMAA

The continuity of the work of the Armenian Missionary Association of America will be sustained if and when our children and youth become stimulated by and challenged through the missionary outreach of the AMAA. To that end we have prepared literature for our young children part of which appears on our front cover.

We are ready to mail the children's small 4-page folder on request by parents and youth.

This is our year of action and we will include in that action our children and youth as well. To that end we have set up a Youth Crusade Fund on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary Celebrations. We wish to include in this all children—whether they are in Church circles or outside—so that this fund may become a substantial one, the income from which will be used for the education, edification and inspiration of children everywhere.

Along with the brochure we will mail to each applicant a cardboard coin bank for use by the children during the 60th Anniversary Celebrations. On Christmas Sunday, we will dedicate all these gifts in honor of our Christ-centered children.

For inquiries please write to:

Dear Friends in the AMAA:

Kindly mail to my address:

_____ copy/copies of the children's small 4-page folder.

_____ cardboard coin bank(s) which will be distributed to our children or to other children and youth that might be interested or whose interest we might arouse.

Name _____

Address _____

Please mail this coupon to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, at 140 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J. 07652

OBITUARIES



GARABED KEUHNELIAN

There are times when it is emotionally difficult to bring oneself to announce the death of a good and God-fearing man. That was our experience in the case of Mr. Garabed Keuhnelian, an ardent devotee and volunteer worker of the Armenian Missionary Association of America. Mr. Keuhnelian, Honorary Treasurer of the AMAA, and its Treasurer for seven years (1960-1966) entered his eternal rest on Monday, April 24, 1978, at 1:00 a.m. He was a man with intense desire to help his fellowmen and equally adamant to remain anonymous in services he rendered. Garabed was born in Caesarea, Cilician Armenia, in 1893. Surviving miraculously the Turkish massacres of 1895, the family moved to Bulgaria within a short time after the massacres, and forewarned of the pending Balkan Wars, the family moved again, this time to Philadelphia, Pa. in 1904 where Garabed hurdled many obstacles, among which was the completion of a two-year business course in six months.

Mr. Keuhnelian went into partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Krikor Chakmakian, in the manufacture of Schiffli Swiss embroidery in 1912, retired in 1944 but continued joint investing thus continuing an amicable business association lasting half a century. Garabed was married to Marie Buchakjian in 1925, with the couple being blessed with two children. A man with the ability to organize and analyze situations quietly, pour oil on troubled waters and give the impression solutions were the results of the combatants' own ideas, he became a coveted guide and counselor. These and other traits made him a valuable

member of the Armenian Presbyterian Church of West New York, of which he became Treasurer and held the office for 23 years. Utilizing his business experience, he completely revised the financial management and the book-keeping methods of the Church and, during those lean years when pastors in many churches were not provided with salaries regularly, under his management the pastor of the Armenian Presbyterian Church received his monthly check on schedule, even when the treasury was in deficit. Aside from his membership in the AMAA, as Board member and Treasurer, and later as Honorary Treasurer, he was also an active member of the Hudson County Chapter of the AGBU and served in various offices during a period of fifty years. As Treasurer of the AMAA, he became an unpaid full-time worker making the AMAA jump forward miraculously.

In the words of Dr. Harry Seneca, a friend of Mr. Garabed Keuhnelian, "They don't make men like him anymore." Naturally, specially with loving help from his wife Marie.

Funeral services were from the Armenian Presbyterian Church at 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, N.J. on Saturday, April 29, 1978, at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Bernard Guekguezian, pastor of the deceased, and this writer, a respectful colleague of the late Honorary Life Treasurer of the AMAA, took part in the service. The former, in a great tribute, stated that as a result of his acquaintance with Mr. Keuhnelian, he experienced a "taste of heaven," that Mr. Keuhnelian made "heaven of earth." This writer demonstrated that like all Armenians of the tragic events in Turkey, Garabed was a pilgrim who "sat down, wept, and harped his harp upon the willows—when he remembered Zion." It was pointed out he was a "compassionate" and a "peace-loving" pilgrim, a modern Barnabas who smoothed rough waters by pouring calming oil for his experiences of cruelty led him to be generous and his Christian beliefs led him to accept that peacemakers are blessed by God.

Following interment at Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, a memorial meal was served at the Social Hall of the Armenian Presbyterian Church, 140 Forest Avenue, sponsored by the Daughters of Vartan.

The family have requested that remembrances in lieu of flowers may be made to the AMAA for the benefit of poor children and their education in Istanbul or other areas of need.

The Board of Directors and its President and Executive Director; the Executive Council of the AEU-NA and its Moderator; and all his colleagues join in extending deepfelt sympathies to his gracious wife Marie; children John and Dian, and five grandchildren, as well as to the immediate kin. May God be revealed to each one of them even in this time of sorrow.

Editor



PAUL C. MANOOGIAN

Paul C. Manoogian, a great benefactor of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, entered his eternal rest on Monday, May 29, 1978. The news was transmitted to the Association by his gracious daughter, Gladys Shegoyan, who with her husband, Ardsron and two children live in San Francisco. Funeral Services were held on Friday, June 2, 1978 at the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church.

The Executive Director, in a short tribute to Paul C. Manoogian, wrote to the Rev. Harry Missirlian, the Minister in charge of the Funeral Services, as follows:

"The Board of Directors and myself remember Mr. Paul C. Manoogian with deep gratitude. He was a man committed to an ideal, to serve the unfortunate compatriots of his who had become destitute as a result of world circumstances. His goal was to give, within his capacity, the maximum towards that goal. The Armenian Missionary Association appreciates greatly the three areas of service he rendered:

1. He contributed generously to the AMAA, both towards its on-going outreach, as well as capital funds the income of which are being used for designated purposes.

2. For leading his own immediate kin to be generous to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, and to that end he had his brother establish a generous capital fund with the AMAA.

3. He led many of his peers to cherish the work of the Association, and to become its benefactors.

He labored silently, yet effectively, and we know that God will, in His Grace, show His appreciation for the 'cup of water' he extended to those in need.

Thank you for bringing this letter to the attention of his kin."

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers have been designated for the AMAA and for the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Fresno.

The Board of Directors extend their sympathies to the Shegoians and all his next of kin.

MAKROUHIE KUMRIAN

The beloved wife of Mr. Nathan H. Kumrian, Mrs. Makrouhie (Boole) Kumrian, entered her eternal rest on February 23, 1978. Mrs. Kumrian, a long time and effectively active member of the Armenian Memorial Church of Watertown, served her church and her friends until the last days of her life. She was instrumental in getting people to Church activities and considered it a privilege to fellowship with her large number of friends.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, February 26, at 3:00 p.m. in the Armenian Memorial Church, Watertown. Mrs. Makrouhie Kumrian and her husband, Nathan, have cherished the work of the AMAA along with their children and grandchildren. It is out of this conviction that Memorial gifts were assigned to the AMAA, or through the Memorial Church, to the Makrouhie Kumrian Memorial Fund.

The Board of Directors extend their sincere condolences to daughters Rachel (Mrs. Armen) Dohanian, Doris (Mrs. Mark) Markarian, both in Belmont, and James Kumrian; to grandson, Armen Dohanian, Jr.; granddaughters Phyllis and Joyce Dohanian, Lissa and Karen Markarian.

REV. ROBERT V. MOSS, Jr.

Our Armenian Evangelical Community was saddened by the death of the Rev. Dr. Robert V. Moss, Jr., President of the United Church of Christ, on October 25 in his 54th year.

Dr. Moss, born in Wilson, N. Carolina, was the grandson of a minister. He was a Professor at Lancaster Seminary and later its president. While President he was chosen head of the 1.8 million member denomination in 1969, and gave distinguished leadership till the end.

Loved and respected by all, even with those who disagreed with him, his death is a great loss. The AMAA Board extends its sympathy to his wife and loved ones and pray for God's comfort and consolation.

OBITUARIES

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.

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